

Amendments to the Specification:

Please insert the following title before paragraph [0001]:

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

Please insert the following title after paragraph [0010] but before paragraph [0011]:

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

Please insert the following title after paragraph [0012] but before paragraph [0013]:

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

Please insert the following title after paragraph [0016] but before paragraph [0017]:

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE EXAMPLE EMBODIMENTS

Please amend paragraph [0016] as follows:

[0016] FIG. 1a shows the contact angle of water 1 on an untreated or uncoated surface 3, as e.g. of a polymer, which is used for components of hearing aid devices. Exemplary used polymers are e.g. polyamide, ABS, etc. The contact angle, according to FIG. 1a is substantially below 80°. ~~6.~~

Please amend paragraph [0017] as follows:

[0017] By applying a hydrophobic coating on the surface 5 as shown in Fig. 1b, the contact angle of water 2 can be increased substantially, as e.g. above 100°, which is equivalent to the wettability of Teflon.

Please amend paragraph [0023] as follows:

[0023] FIG. 4 shows a further design of a battery compartment of a hearing aid device and again those parts or components of the casing of the device are to be designated which have to be provided with a hydrophobic coating. These parts are e.g. a function switch 21 ~~function—or (e.g. a pushbutton)—21~~, the battery cover 33, as well as a frame 35.